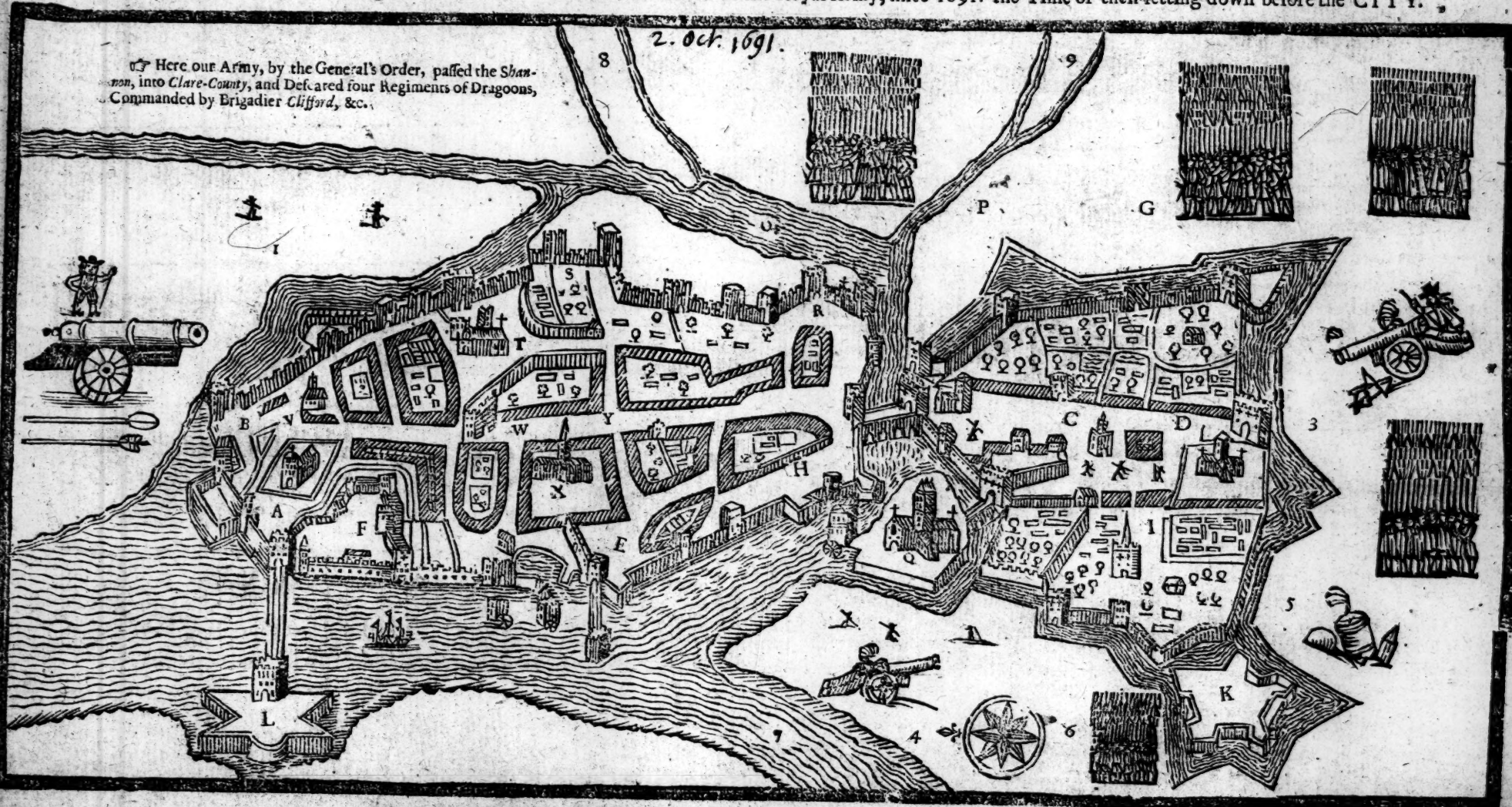


# An Exact PLAN of LYMERICK:

With a Relation of the MANNER and FORM of the Present Besieging (by Sea and Land) of that Famous CITY, by Their Majesties Forces, under the Command of Lieutenant-General GINCKLE, and a Squadron of Ships; Commanded by Capt. COALE. As also, Of the Manner of our Army's Encamping, Opening their Trenches, Raising their Great Batteries, Throwing their Bombs, Battering down, and Firing the Town: With the several Actions of the Royal Army, since 1691. the Time of their setting down before the CITY.



## An EXPLANATION of the PLAN.

[A] Thomond-Gate. [B] Island-Gate. [C] St. John's-Gate. [D] Killmallock-Gate. [E] Water-Gate. [F] Thomond-Sconce. [G] Thomond-Bridge. [H] Shannon River. [I] A Ravelin. [J] St. Michaels. [K] Abby. [L] St. Francis. [M] St. Peters. [N] The Bishops Gate. [O] Newgate. [P] The Cathedral. [Q] The Maine Street. [R] The Store-House. (1) The Island. (2) St. Monshius Battery. (3) General Ginckles Battery of 24 Cannon. (4) The Battery of the Grand Attack of 22 large Cannon. (5) Another Battery of 8 Cannon. (6) Captain Coal, with his Squadron of Their Majesties Ships. (7) The Battery against Thomond Bridge. (8) Branches from the Shannon. (9) Branches from the Shannon.

THE General, and indeed the whole Army, having been very impatient of lying at Carrickinlish; the General, on the 23 of August, sent out Mr. Sluagh with 150 fresh Draught Horses, to hasten the coming up of our Guns, &c. And ordered our Ships in the Shannon to come nearer Limerick: On the 25th. at 5 in the Morning, pursuant to the Orders received from the General the over-Night, the whole Army Decamped, and by three in the Afternoon came before two of the Enemies Forts, the one an old Church, the other Iret's Fort, very strong Places; in the former were 500 Musquetiers, but neither of them gave us much trouble, the Garrisons in both running away upon our advance. On the Left of our Army was a very good Fort built last Winter, Guarded by 600 Men, which was bravely attacked by 88 of our Granadiers, who receiving a Volley of their Shot, with small damage, mounted the Works, and carried the place, and killed 800, and took 16 Prisoners: A Danish Colonel who Commanded our Advance party of Horse, was slain by a chance Cannon-shot. 25. This Afternoon our Cannon and Mortars, with 800 Carts and Bombs, and 800 Barrels of Powder, arrived in the Camp from Athlone. 27. Last Night we broke Ground, and made our approaches with very small loss. This morning Orders were given for sitting 1000 Hand-Granadoes, and 600 Bombs, to be ready against eight at Night: Likewise this morning the Prince of Heffe with 3 Regiments of Foot and 700 Horse, Marched to reduce Castle-Connell, which Surrendered to him early the next morning upon Discretion, the Garrison being made Prisoners of War: We also took in the Castle of Ballycullane, and another Castle down the River. 29. This Evening our Line of Communication was finished, and two Batteries ordered to be raised on the left of the Town, the one for 10 Guns, the other for 7 Mortars and 2 Howitzs. 30th. This morning our Batteries being finished, the Guns and Mortars were drawn down and Mounted thereon, and this Night about 11, our Mortars began to play, and threw above 100 Bombs and Carcasses into the Town, which besides their other Execution, Fired the Town in three places. Near 4000 Prisoners taken in several Castles about Limerick, were this day sent hence to Clonmel. About 10 this Night 600 Troopers on Foot were Commanded down to the Trenches, to raise another Battery, much nearer to the Town than our first. 31st. Early this morning the Troopers had finished their Battery. About 2 this morning

a Body of 400 Horse and Dragoons went abroad to scour the Country; About 9, 700 Horse and Dragoons, Commanded by Brigadier Leveson, went from the Camp towards the County of Kerry; about 11 a Clock we play'd from our new Battery on Thomond-Bridge to destroy it. This Night 200 of the Protestant Inhabitants of Limerick and thereabouts, most of them Women and Children, were brought off from an Island in the Shannon, where the Irish detained them Prisoners, the manner of Relieving them was thus: Major Joseph Stroud, who Commanded in Chief the Militia of the County of Cork, Garrisoned at Annagh-beg, as he was Relieving his Guards, a Captain, Lieutenant, and Cornet, all of the Irish Army, Defected and came over to him; one of them proposed a piece of Service, which Major Stroud readily accepted, which was to bring off some Protestants from an Island in the Shannon, called St. Thomas's-Island; whereupon the Major immediately taking with him 16 Dragoons, with them in 4 Catts entered the Island, and brought off 200 Protestants, that were in great Misery, being almost Starv'd for want of Food, having only two small Cabins to shelter them from the Weather, and but a little Hay to lie on; they also brought off a prey of 46 Horses. Yesterday and this day we play'd from our Cannon and Mortars very briskly, with very great Execution, laying many of their Houses in several Streets level with the Ground, making them a heap of Ruines, as we are told by a Captain, two Lieutenants and 11 Dragoons, who defected the Rebels, and just came over to us.

Sept. 1. This Morning Colonel Wolfeley went from the Camp with 500 Horse and Dragoons towards Killaloe, it being reported that Sarisfield is moving that way: We still continue to Batter and Bombard the Town furiously. 120 of the Rebels who were taken 20 Miles off, were last Night brought Prisoners to the Camp. Sept. 2. This morning the General received an Express from Brigadier Leveson, (who went from the Camp on Monday last) Dated Yesterday near New-Market, which advises, That having Intelligence on Monday Evening where the Meritons and the Lord Brittas's Regiments of Horse were, he Marched towards them, and by One of the Clock in the Morning fell in with them, Killed many of them on the place, totally Routed them, and took the Lord Castle-Connell and several other Prisoners, as also a good prey of Cattle; then dividing his party into two Bodies, he Marched on the pursuit. In this Action Major Wood had his Leg broke by a Shot from the Enemy, which was the most of our loss; our Guns & Mortars

have played very busily all last night and this day. A Court-Martial was this day held, whereof the Earl of Drogheda was President, where a Woman which pretended the same for a Protection for Cattle, was Condemned for perfwading some French Soldiers (whom she took for Papists) to desert and go over to the Irish; several others were also found Guilty of Stealing. 120 of the Rebels, who were taken 20 Miles off, were last Night brought Prisoners into the Camp.

Our Lines of Communication having been finished three days since, we have been ever since working on our Lines of Circumvallation, one of which is likewise finished.

A Captain, two Lieutenants and 11 Dragoons, who lately Defected the Enemy, tell us, that the Besieged are afraid to make Sallies, lest the Men should Desert.

Sept. 3. We have made four Forts for the Defence of our Line of Contravallation; and this morning we began the raising of new Batteries on the Right of the Town, (those we made at first being on the Left) on which will be planted 45 pieces of Cannon, the least of them 18 Pounders, and 11 Mortars, the largest of them is within Carbine-shot of the Wall. The Defectors tell us, that they have not Provisions in the Town for many Days; and that the Militia of the Country which the Earl of Tyrconnel forced into the place after the Battle at Agbrim, are very pressing to go home, and that Monsieur d'Ussone the French Governour, has promised to dismiss them, if Succors do not come from France in 10 days; That our Bombs have set many of the Houses in Limerick in a flame, and that the second Bomb that was thrown Killed a Lady, and Wounded some others. On the 4th. 300 Horse and Dragoons were sent to reinforce Brigadier Leveson, who since the defeat of two of the Enemies Regiments, is advanced farther, in order to reduce the small Garrisons which the Irish have still in that Country.

6. Last Night we finished our new Battery, consisting of 46 large whole Cannon, and 10 Mortars; all this day we have played incessantly from the said Battery, throwing in many hundreds of Shells, &c.

7. We continue to play from our Batteries, and several Defectors that came into our Camp this Evening tell us, that our Bombs have done great Execution.

8. Early this morning our Battery of 22 Pieces of Cannon began to play, and continued so all this day with very great Success, making a Breach in the Wall of the English Town. On the Left of this Bat-

tery are planted 8 Mortars.

9. This day we finished another Battery, which plays upon St. John's-Gate in the Irish Town. About Two this Afternoon the Enemy came out, and appeared as if they intended a Sally; which March of theirs was no sooner known, but our Men march'd down upon them, and beat them back into the Town, Killing many of them.

10. All this day we continued Firing, and about Six at Night the Town appeared on Fire in many places, which continued burning till Two the next morning.

11. All this day our Cannon and Mortars continued to play without intermission, setting Fire to the Town in several fresh places; we continued playing all the 12th.

13. This morning came over to us some Dragoons, who gave us an Account last Night our Bombs burnt three of the Enemies Magazines, one of Brandy, &c. and two of Bisket.

14. This day the General sent two Regiments towards Clonmel and Waterford, to reinforce the Militia.

15. The General resolving to pass the Shannon, in order to Attack the Irish Horse in Clare, the better to conceal his Design, made a shew as though he designed to draw off and raise the Siege, which the Enemy greatly rejoiced at: This Night the Bridge of Pontons, &c. was finished.

16. This morning by break of day, several Squadrons of Horse and Dragoons, and a Detachment of Foot, passed over the Bridge to a little Island, and then waded ashore without any opposition: As soon as they were discovered, Brigadier Clifford, who lay Encamped not from thence with 4 Regiments of Dragoons, brought his Men down on Foot (their Horses being at Grass) to oppose us, but they were quickly put to flight, flinging away their Arms, and leaving all their Baggage, &c. and two Pieces of Cannon behind them. Upon this their Camp, which lay a little higher, drew out, but it was only to cover their Baggage; for so soon as our Troops came near them, and had passed the first Defile that was between them and us, they scoured off with all haste towards the Mountains. We took a French Lieutenant-Colonel, and several other Officers Prisoners. This day the Lord Lilburne was killed with a Cannon Ball as he was lying upon his Quilt in the Trenches.

17. This day a Captain came over to us, who said, That the Town is quite Ruined; That we have Killed great numbers of their Men: That they have not 10 Days Bread in the Town, and not above 6000 Foot.